

**Suggestions for Further Reading—Unit 1**

**Directions:** Think about the books suggested in this unit that you have read. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, answer the discussion questions and take notes for your literature circle.

***American Colonies: The Settling of North America*** by Alan Taylor

**Discussion** Does this account differ from what you already know about the settling of North America? In a well-structured response, explain the similarities and differences between this account and your own prior knowledge.

**Connections—Literature Circle** Choose one group of people who settled in of North America. Speculate about how our current world has been influenced by this group.

***Chronicle of the Narvaez Expedition*** by Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca

**Discussion** Choose one event described in these chronicles. Briefly describe the event, then explain why you believe the people were able to survive. Was it strength of character, luck, physical strength, or a combination of factors? Use specific textual evidence to support your points.

**Connections—Literature Circle** What leads a person to undertake an expedition such as this one? Consider the personalities of the people in this work and discuss how their personal traits led them to this adventure.

***Native American Literature*** Prentice Hall

**Discussion** Discuss what the first five selections in the “Southwest” section say about ties across the generations.

**Connections—Literature Circle** Based on the folk literature in the “Central Plains and Great Lakes” section explain the skills or qualities that Native Americans seem to have admired.

***The Four Voyages*** by Christopher Columbus, edited and translated by J. M. Cohen

**Discussion** What did Columbus see and fail to see during his voyages? What presumptions and beliefs influenced his observations? Use details from the book to support your answers.

**Connections—Literature Circle** If you had been alive during the time of Columbus’s voyages, what questions would you have liked to ask Columbus about his experiences in 1492? After making a list of questions, write the answers from Columbus’s point of view.